

27 July 53

Secret

SECURITY INFORMATION

Dear G. W. R. #

The attached was prepared as a sort of "Bon Voyage" present. The purpose was to provide as concise and graphic a presentation as possible of what has happened at the Station since it was founded in November 1950.

It might appropriately have been forwarded to Headquarters as an attachment to the "Brief Station History" that went in last week - then again, perhaps not. If you think that Headquarters might be interested, it could be sent in this week.

On the eve of your departure I find myself not a little uneasy - principally because of my very limited operational experience. I can't help but wish that circumstances might have permitted my handling a few ops under your supervision prior to your departure. But - as the old saying goes - the only way to learn to swim is to jump in and paddle around. I can only promise that I'll do my best - however poor that may be.

In view of the fact that, for one reason or another, it's possible that you might not return to [] I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation in having served under you during my first foreign assignment. Professor [] a basic course in "Applied Intelligence Methods" is not an easy course - but I doubt that there is any place in the world where I might have learned more, or even as much, as I learned in []

Please accept my best wishes for a safe and pleasant journey home. Also, please pass my regards to anyone in Headquarters who might remember me.

Respectfully,

[]

[]

Secret

SECURITY INFORMATION

DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
SOURCE MET 1006 EXEMPTION 3B2B
NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
DATE 2005

Secret

July 27, 1953

Dear Sir:

These are a personal letter to you and not an official communication. My reason for writing is to put down some of the things which I find puzzling at present, and to avoid any misunderstanding, that might arise as a result. Much of this will be repetitious, some of it perhaps not, but here goes —

1 The corn problem

a) Washington knew before I left that the deal was only good for one year. It was good for a year, & ended. Now they appear to consider I have failed somehow because it did not last longer. Technically, the corn lasted just as long as it was expected to last.

b) Washington insisted I leave for home in April of 1952, the most possible time from the corn standpoint. My protest was ignored.

c) It was reported to you on 26 Dec 1952 that:
1) The corn would terminate on 1 June 1953

2) For the operations required the corn of [] was unrelated & a hindrance.

3) An alternative was needed & one was recommended

d) Nothing was done until the situation got serious, and no support was given to me in this matter by Washington.

e) It seems a reasonable conclusion that I am useful only in this corn []. This does not agree with assurances given to me in Washington, to wit, they were interested in career men. Obviously the [] cannot be continued indefinitely, it repeated in the Middle East very soon.

f) This seems to indicate that I am to be re-assigned to the [] at the end of this tour of duty, if not before, regardless of whether this operation proves productive or not. If this is the case, possibly it is better to return me to the [] now. I am not interested in a job that was over last only a few more months at best. I am interested in the [] & have no objections to the normal [] near [].

constant, in fact, would give []

Secret

SECURITY INFORMATION

the agency of they are serious about wanting career
work. To date I have not gained the impression.

Secret
SECURITY INFORMATION

2) Transportation

1) As a "L" []

should have my own car & spend some visiting
time of importance. Without a car, this is im-
possible, and is causing some comment in various
circles.

2) A car would greatly facilitate operations.
On departure, I was told one would be provided.

3) Wife

1) My wife was entertained by E.T. M.C. &
his wife & J.P. before departure, & given some briefing.
Yet it is evident here that she is to be eliminated
entirely. Not only is this inconsistent, but imprac-
tical. Her knowledge of your identity is due solely
to the indiscrete remark of []

4) Expenses

1) Before departure there was no briefing
concerning items to be included & "laundry" or
"operational" expenses.

2) Cover, including field trips, is expensive.
In balancing [] is essential,
but there has been no decision what is to be
approved & what disapproved.

To conclude, I like the work, & my associates, &
am perfectly willing to stay with the Agency from
here on in, but I do have the above gripes, &
would like a little reassurance on these items.
I am interested in a career in this work, but not in
a temporary job. The [] I am in
useful as long as the operations assigned have
generally been consistent with what come, & im-
sequently a risk to security.

Hope you don't mind this epistle, & will
be of spirits in which it
will be

Secret
SECURITY INFORMATION